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SUBJECT: ABRASIMOV'S RETURN TO BERLIN: FRENCH-SOVIET
BILATERAL

1. FRENCH EMBASSY TELLS US THAT AMBASSADOR WORMSER
WILL HAVE LUNCH WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV IN
BERLIN ON APRIL 5. IN INFORMING US AND BRITISH EMBOFFS
OF THIS LUNCHEON DATE AT MARCH 29 TRIPARTITE MEETING,
FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) ADDED THAT GROMYKO HAD RECENTLY
INDICATED TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW THAT
ABRASIMOV WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SEEK VIEWS OF
AMBASSADORS ON HOW TO
RECONCILE PERCEIVED
INCONSISTENCY IN QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT BETWEEN
"EXISTING SITUATION" AND "DEVELOPMENT OF TIES" CLAUSES.
FRENCH EXPECTATION, ACCORDING TO BOISSIEU, IS NOT THAT
ABRASIMOV WILL CALL FOR QUADRIpartite CONSULTATIONS
BUT RATHER WILL BEGIN WITH BILATERAL PROBES.

2. THIS FRENCH VIEW IS CONSISTENT WITH GERMAN
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SPECULATION ON ABRASIMOV'S LIKELY APPROACH, AS

EXPLAINED RECENTLY BY FONMIN OFFICIAL (MEYER-LANDRUT).
GERMAN VIEW IS THAT SOVIETS MAY EVEN FOLLOW SERIES OF
BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SUGGESTION FOR AN
INFORMAL MEETING OF FOUR AMBASSADORS, RESERVING ANY
DECISION ON FORMALLY INVOKING QUADRIpartite CONSUL-
TATIONS CLAUSE UNTIL AFTER EVALUATION OF RESULTS OF
SUCH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS.
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